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IN AFRICA

1. COMMISSION, I CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND II CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
CONCLUDED DEBATES ON SCHEDULE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. DISCUSSION WERE
GENERALLY OF MODERATE TONE HIGHLIGHTING NEED TO PRESERVE AND
DEVELOP INDIGENOUS AFRICAN CULTURES AND LANGUAGES. SOME
EXPRESSION MADE ON CONCERN ABOUT OUTSIDE INFLUENCES ON INDIGENOUS
CULTURE, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO NON-AFRICAN PROGRAM
MATERIAL ON POWERFUL MEDIA OF RADIO AND TV AND INCLUDING
OCCASIONAL REFERENCES TO FOREIGN SHORT-WAVE BROADCASTING.

2. SUB SEHARN-ARAB DIFFERENCES, FOR TIME BEING, MUTED WITH
ARABS USING ENGLISH OR FRENCH AND NOT INSISTING ON SPEAKING
IN ARABIC. UNDERCURRENT OF DIFFERENCES STILL REMAIN AND STILL
EXPECT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FUTURE SEPARATE BLACK AFRICAN-
ARAB CONFERENCES.

3. DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEING PUT TOGETHER BY SECRETARIAT
FOR DEBATE NEXT WEEK.

4. U.S. OBSERVER PLANS MAKE STATEMENT IN PLENARY DEBATE IN
ITEM 9 "CULTURAL COOPERATION" EITHER MONDAY OR TUESDAY.
STATEMENT WILL INCLUDE TALKING POINTS RECEIVED AND FOCUS ON
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LONG TRADITIONS OF U.S. AFRICAN COOPERATION, AND CONTRIBUTION

OF AFRICAN TO U.S. HISTORY AND CULTURE.

5. D.G. M'BOW ON OFFICIAL VISIT TOGO RETURNING OVER WEEKEND.
CONFERENCE DELEGATES GO TO KUMASI SATURDAY ATTEND TRADITIONAL
DURBAR OF ASANTE CHIEFS.
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